

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Peter Harrington House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Bernard Avenue and Church Street

CITY, TOWN

Greensboro

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Caroline

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

—YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—MUSEUM

—COMMERCIAL

—PARK

—EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—ENTERTAINMENT

—RELIGIOUS

—GOVERNMENT

—SCIENTIFIC

—INDUSTRIAL

—TRANSPORTATION

—MILITARY

—OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Russell H. Wright

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Bernard Avenue and Church Street

CITY, TOWN

Greensboro

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21639

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE. Caroline County Courthouse
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 98

Folio #: 164

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Denton

STATE

Maryland 21629

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

___EXCELLENT
 XGOOD
 ___FAIR

___DETERIORATED
 ___RUINS
 ___UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

___UNALTERED
 XALTERED

CHECK ONE

XORIGINAL SITE
 ___MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Peter Harrington House is a late 18th century brick building which was remodeled and enlarged in the late 19th century.

Originally, the building was two full storys with attic, three bays wide and two bays deep, with a kitchen wing on the north gable set close to the east facade (outline of original roof in new attic). It stood over a basement whose windows were protected by horizontal round bars set into an oak frame. It had a central door on the east facade with six panel door, which remains intact. Around the panels can be seen the outline of early line stenciling. Other openings appear to have been changed.

The original floor plan consisted of four rooms plus kitchen wing. The central door opened into the largest room which has a corner fireplace in its southwest corner. West of this room was a stair hall which may have had an entrance door to balance the east entrance. The stair ascended along the west wall in a southerly direction. Access to the basement was beneath this stair. A second door may have opened on the south gable beneath the stair landing. On the north side of the building were two rooms, each having a corner fireplace. The second story plan was nearly identical. Originally the attic was finished and was divided into passage and two rooms.

Stucco was applied to the first story of the building in the late 19th century along with a porch on three sides and German siding above, covering the original brick walls. On the north side was added a two bay long, two story frame wing with porch on its east facade and auxiliary building as part of the porch.

With the exception of the east entrance and the door between the northeast room and original kitchen (now porch), the remainder of the original work has been removed or covered. On the second story only the doors remain from the original fabric, although the upper panels have been removed and replaced with a single panel. The walls on the second story appear original, including the diagonal fireplaces which were removed on the first story when the two rooms were made into a single room.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building is one of the most substantial dwellings in the town of the earliest period of its growth. Because of its substantial early architecture, as well as the fact that it was the home of Peter Harrington, originator and founder of the town as we know it today, it is one of the most important buildings in Greensboro.

The building apparently was built by Peter Harrington between 1786-89 for in a deed in the year 1789 there is mention of a "new brick dwelling house"

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Horsey, Eleanor, Origins of Caroline County, Maryland, Vol. I
Denton, 1974.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

July, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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